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For: TRICYCLIC COMPOUND HAVING SPIRO UNION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

Subsequent to the filing of the above-identified application on December 27, 2001, attached hereto is an English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPEA 409) which should be made of record in the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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